

Dear Vickie & Jim,

I know it's been a long time since I've written, but I just haven't felt up to writing. I have had a long sick spell but finally I know what to do so I'm feeling better and am beginning to gain weight. I got down to 80 lbs. but am up to 90 now. I know I had the whole family worried but I am a tough Englishman.

I am to have no gluten products so I'm learning to cook with rice & corn flour instead

Can't say hello in person
or come visit you today,

But this will let you know
warm thoughts are with you anyway

of wheat. My bread
isn't too good but other
things like hot cakes &
cookies are fine.
I enjoy rice & corn
cereal.

I received your card today & "Thank you". I'm so happy you're enjoying your stay there in jolly old England.

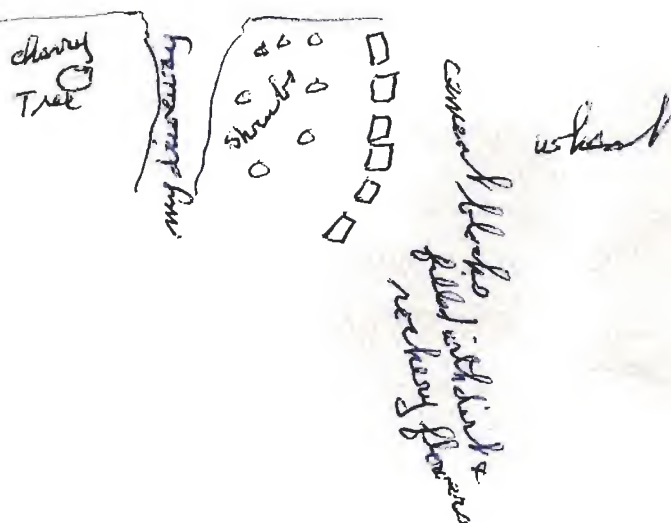
My cousin Frances from Poole is coming to visit the 23rd of May. She is going to stay quite a spell with me. We will have a grand time.

Ferry is going to help me with the garden this year. I hope he can get the ground worked up next week. We need several sunny days. (inside)

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We are going to plant every thing. We'll beat inflation.

My yard is really lovely now with all the Spring flowers. I just can't do too much but I will. Jerry keeps the lawn cut. I don't think you saw the cement blocks I put in last summer with flowers in them. When I was in England I fell in love with the walls in front of the houses with flowers so I had to try something myself and I

like it. The cement blocks also help separate the yard from the wheat.

Last Tues. Marilyn, Louise, Roy & I had lunch together to celebrate Roy's birthday in Newberg.

It is nice when we can get together.

Well, dears, don't do too much running. I must get so I can walk two miles briskly. I figure when I get to 100 lbs I should walk 2 mi.

Much love,
Francie